

Remarks

The Examiner has asked for a single species to be elected with which to begin examination. The Action specifically asks Applicants to elect one species from three components of claim 1. Applicants hereby choose the following:

- (1) As the species of condensate Applicants elect option i) an aliphatic or aromatic polyester,
- (2) As the species of bis-acyllactam Applicants elect option i) formula of Ia,
- (3) As the species of combination Applicants elect option i) compound a and b1 wherein b1 is a phosphonate [ie., choice A)] of formula IV.

The following claims read on the elected species claims 1- 5, 8, 14, 15 and 17-21.

Consideration of the claims on their merits is respectfully awaited. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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